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[Parkman, Fleet]

FOR Farm Family of the Week

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CAMERA ON LANGFITT

SLIDE FARM-1
HOUSE

SLIDE FARM-2
BARNYARD

I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO COUNTY AGENT O.O. SWORDS OF JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY FOR HIS WONDERFUL HELP IN SELECTING THE FAMILY WE SALUTE TODAY AND IN OBTAINING THE STORY OF THIS FAMILY'S FARM PROGRAM. THIS IS THE STORY OF MR. AND MRS. FLEET PARKMAN WHO LIVE IN THE SONS COMMUNITY ABOUT NINE MILES SOUTH OF PRENTISS, MISSISSIPPI. FLEET PARKMAN HAS BEEN FARMING PRACTICALLY ALL HIS LIFE. HE GREW UP ON A FARM ABOUT 3 MILES NORTH OF HIS PRESENT HOME. HE BEGAN FARMING FOR HIMSELF WHEN HE BOUGHT 105 ACRES OF HIS PRESENT FARM IN 1906. WHEN HE CAME TO THIS LAND THE ONLY BUILDING WAS THE FRONT ROOM OF THIS HOUSE. HE BUILT THE REMAINDER OF THE HOUSE AND ALL THE OTHER BUILDINGS ON THE FARM. FLEET PARKMAN WAS MARRIED IN 1908, TWO YEARS AFTER COMING TO THIS FARM. HE STARTED OUT RAISING CORN, COTTON, HOGS AND SWEET POTATOES FOR MARKET IN 1933 FLEET PARKMAN'S WIFE PASSED AWAY. IN 1936 HE MARRIED AGAIN TO THE CHARMING MRS. PARKMAN WE WILL MEET TODAY. SHE GREW UP IN MARION COUNTY IN THE NEXT COMMUNITY SOUTH OF THE SONS COMMUNITY. SHE IS A SISTER TO SEBE DALE, CIRCUIT JUDGE OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OVER THE YEARS FLEET PARKMAN HAS GRADUALLY

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SLIDE FARM-3
CATTLE

ADDED TO HIS FARM LAND UNTIL TODAY HE FARMS 787 ACRES. MR. PARKMAN SAYS WHEN HE CAME TO THIS FARM IN 1906 THAT EVERYTHING FROM THERE TO HATTIESBURG WAS IN PINE TIMBER WITH VERY LITTLE CULTIVATED LAND. MUCH OF THAT HAS CHANGED OVER THE YEARS AND THE WORK THAT FLEET PARKMAN HAS DONE ON HIS OWN LAND REFLECTS THE CHANGE THAT HAS BEEN MADE ALL THROUGH THAT SECTION OF MISSISSIPPI. FLEET PARKMAN HAS CLEARED ALL HIS LAND DURING THE YEARS BETWEEN 1956 AND 1906. ALL OF IT WAS DONE BY HAND EXCEPT 160 ACRES CLEARED BY BULL DOZER IN RECENT YEARS. MR. PARKMAN STARTED INTO THE BEEF CATTLE BUSINESS IN 1932 WHEN HIS SON RAISED A WHITE FACE CALF IN HIS 4-H CLUB PROJECT. PRIOR TO THAT TIME FLEET PARKMAN HAD BEEN IN THE DAIRY BUSINESS, BUT IN 1936 MILK GOT SO CHEAP HE FIGURED HE COULDN'T AFFORD TO KEEP HIS DAIRY COWS SO HE GAVE IT UP AND TURNED ENTIRELY TO BEEF. HE HAD MILKED AS MANY AS 30 DAIRY COWS AND SOLD SWEET CREAM IN COLUMBIA. HE HAS BUILT GRADUALLY INTO THE BEEF CATTLE BUSINESS FROM THAT ONE CALF BEGINNING. TODAY HE HAS 200 HEAD OF BEEF CATTLE AND FOLLOWS A COMMERCIAL COW AND CALF PROGRAM, SELLING HIS CALVES AS MILK FAT CALVES RIGHT OFF THE COW. ABOUT 40 HEAD OF HIS CATTLE

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SLIDE <u>FARM-4</u> CATTLE	ARE REGISTERED POLLED HEREFORDS. HE BEGAN TO ADD REGISTERED CATTLE TO HIS HERD TO BUILD UP THE QUALITY. PASTURE BREEDING IS PRACTICED AND CALVES ARE DROPTED YEAR ROUND.. MR. PARKMAN GETS ABOUT A 95% CALF CROP. ONE THING THAT HAS DONE MUCH TO RAISE THE PERCENTAGE OF HIS CALF CROP HAS BEEN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MINERALIZED PASTURES. MR. PARKMAN SAYS THIS HAS INCREASED THE PERCENTAGE OF HIS CALF CROP BY 10 TO 15 %. HE HAS FURTHER IMPROVED THE PERCENTAGE OF HIS CALF CROP BY MAKING MINERALIZED SALT AVAILABLE FREE CHOICE . THIS IS ONE OF THE MANY MINERAL BOXES YOU SEE SCATTERED THROUGH MR. PARKMAN'S PASTURES. BESIDES THE ADDITION OF REGISTERED COWS, HERD QUALITY IS CONSTANTLY BEING BUILT WITH THE USE OF REGISTERED POLLED HEREFORD BULLS SUCH AS THIS ONE. HE HAS BEEN BREEDING HIS CATTLE TO REGISTERED BULLS SINCE WAY BACK IN 1932. THE CATTLE ARE GRAZED ON PERMANENT PASTURE SUPPLEMENTED WITH TEMPORARY GRAZING OF OATS AND RYE GRASS. TEMPORARY WINTER GRAZING IS PUT OUT IN THE PERMANENT PASTURE WITH A SOD SEEDER. 100 ACRES OF PERMANENT PASTURE IS FERTILIZED EVERY YEAR. FLEET PARKMAN HAS 400
SLIDE <u>FARM-5</u> CATTLE	
SLIDE <u>FARM-6</u> BULL	
SLIDE <u>FARM-7</u> CATTLE ON PASTURE	

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SLIDE FARM-8
CREEP FEEDER

SLIDE FARM-9
BACKRUB

SLIDE FARM-10
HEAD GATE

SLIDE FARM-11
SHEEP

ACRES IN PERMANENT PASTURE WHICH CONSISTS PRIMARILY OF BAHAI, WHITE DUTCH CLOVER, CRIMSON CLOVER, BERMUDA AND DALLIS GRASS. ALL OF HIS PASTURE IS IMPROVED PASTURE, AND IS BROKEN UP INTO 8 PASTURES WHICH AVERAGE ABOUT 50 ACRES EACH FOR GOOD ROTATION. TEMPORARY SUMMERTIME GRAZING CONSISTS OF 12 ACRES OF MILLET FROM WHICH HE SAVES SOME SEED. BESIDES GRAZING, ALL CALVES ARE CREEP FED TO PUT ON FASTER GAIN FOR AN EARLY MARKET. MR. PARKMAN FEELS THIS HAS OFTEN MEANT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PROFIT AND LOSS, PARTICULARLY ON A LOW MARKET YEAR. ALL CATTLE GET HAY, CORN AND COTTONSEED MEAL PELLETS DURING THE WINTER MONTHS. MR. PARKMAN SAVES HIS BEST HEIFERS FOR HERD REPLACEMENT. HE FOLLOWS A COMPLETE PARASITE CONTROL PROGRAM BY USING BACKRUBS, STRATEGICALLY LOCATED FOR HORN FLY CONTROL AND ALSO BY USING SPRAY METHOD FOR CONTROL OF LICE. ALL OF HIS CATTLE ARE CALFHOOD VACCINATED. IN FACT EVERY ANIMAL ON THE PLACE IS VACCINATED AND THIS PORTABLE HEAD SQUEEZE AND HANDLING SHOOT COMES IN MIGHTY HANDY IN DOING THE WORK. I'VE TALKED A LOT ABOUT CATTLE. THEY ARE ONLY ONE PART OF THE OVERALL FARM PROGRAM. SHEEP ALSO HAVE AN IMPORTANT PLACE

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SLIDE FARM-12
POND

SLIDE FARM-13
TRACTOR WORKING

SLIDE FARM-14
TRACTOR

IN FLEET PARKMAN'S FARM PROGRAM AND MOST EVERY
EWE IN THE FLOCK HAS A LAMB FOLLOWING HER.
FLEET PARKMAN HAS BEEN RAISING SHEEP SINCE
_____. WE ARE GOING TO TALK TO MR.

PARKMAN ABOUT HIS SHEEP PROGRAM IN A LITTLE
WHILE SO WE WON'T SAY MUCH ABOUT IT RIGHT NOW.

OF COURSE, ALL LIVESTOCK MUST HAVE AN AMPLE
WATER SUPPLY. THAT SUPPLY IS WELL TAKEN CARE
OF BY 9 STOCK PONDS SUCH AS THE ONE WE SEE HERE,
AND ALSO BY A SPRING THAT RUNS A CONSTANT FLOW
OF FRESH, CLEAN WATER. OF COURSE, FLEET PARKMAN
DOES SOME ROW CROPPING, BUT NOT AS MUCH AS HE
ONCE DID. WHERE HE ONCE HAD 135 ACRES IN COTTON
TODAY HE HAS AN ALLOTMENT OF 12 ACRES, WHICH
AVERAGES ABOUT A BALE AND A HALF TO THE ACRE.

HE RAISES ABOUT 35 ACRES OF CORN WHICH LAST YEAR
AVERAGED 60 BUSHELS. FLEET PARKMAN FARMS ON THE
CONTOUR AND HIS CROP LAND IS TERRACED. HE HAS
HIS SOIL TESTED AND FERTILIZES ACCORDING TO
SOIL NEEDS. HE ALSO PLANTS A COVER CROP OF VETCH
ON HIS CROP LAND AND TURNS IT UNDER IN THE
SPRING. WHERE HE ONCE HAD SIX FAMILIES ON THE
LAND TODAY HE HIRES ONLY DAY LABOR. ALL GROUND
BRAKING IS DONE WITH A TRACTOR AND THE CULTIVATI
WITH A PAIR OF MULES. FLEET PARKMAN HAS ALL THE

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<p>SLIDE <u>FARM-15</u> TIMBER</p> <p>SLIDE <u>FARM-16</u> CHICKENS</p> <p>SLIDE <u>FARM-17</u> GARDEN</p> <p>SLIDE <u>FARM-18</u> FREEZER</p>	<p>MACHINERY NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT HIS FARM PROGRAM. HE CLIPS ALL HIS PASTURES AND PUTS UP ABOUT 3,000 BALES OF OATS, GRASS HAY AND LESPEDEZA. HE IS CARRYING OUT A SOIL PLAN ON HIS FARM AND EVERY ACRE IS PUT IN THAT FOR WHICH IT IS BEST SUITED. DRAINAGE IS BY USE OF V DITCHES. TIMBER ALSO PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART IN MR. PARKMAN'S FARM PROGRAM. HE HAS ABOUT 75 ACRES IN PINE TIMBER WHICH HE SELECTIVELY HARVESTS AND THINS TO A RECOMMENDED STAND. MOST OF HIS TIMBER IS YOUNG TIMBER. HE ALSO PRACTICES FIRE CONTROL ON HIS TIMBER LAND. MR. AND MRS. FLEET PARKMAN CARRY ON A WELL DIVERSIFIED FARM PROGRAM AND PRODUCE PRACTICALLY EVERYTHIN THEY NEED ON THE FARM. EACH SPRING MRS. PARKMAN GETS ABOUT 100 BABY CHICKS, SAVES THE PULLETS FOR LAYERS AND PUTS THE ROOSTERS IN THE FOOD FREEZER. THEY HAVE ALL THE EGGS THEY NEED FOR THEMSELVES, FURNISH EGGS TO THEIR CHILDREN AND SELL SOME. THEY ALSO PLANT A HALF ACRE YEAR ROUND GARDEN AND HAVE ABOUT 35 PECAN TREES. FROM THE GARDEN MRS. PARKMAN CANS ABOUT 200 QUARTS OF FOOD AND WITH THE BEEF AND CHICKENS THE PUT IN THE FREEZER THEY FREEZE ABOUT 800 POUNDS PER YEAR, FOR THE FAMILY FOOD SUPPLY.</p>

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SLIDE FARM-19
KITCHEN

CAMERA ON FAMILY

ELECTRICITY FURNISHED BY THE PEARL RIVER VALLEY ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION IN COLUMBIA, MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR MRS. PARKMAN TO HAVE ALL THE COMFORT AND CONVENIENCES OF MODERN ELECTRIC LIVING. RUNNING WATER IS AVAILABLE AT THE TURN OF A FAUCET AND MODERN PLUMBING MAKES FARM LIFE FOR THE PARKMAN'S MUCH MORE OF A PLEASURE TODAY THAN IN THE EARLY YEARS OF THEIR FARM LIFE. THIS IS A FAMILY WHICH BELIEVES IN HELPING TO BUILD THEIR COMMUNITY AND COUNTY. THEY ATTEND CHURCH AT SOCIETY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH FIVE MILES SOUTH OF THEIR FARM HOME. MR. PARKMAN IS A DEACON IN THE CHURCH AND MRS. PARKMAN IS PRESIDENT OF THE W.M.U. FLEET IS VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. PARKMAN IS SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THEIR CHURCH CEMETARY ASSOCIATION. THEY HAVE BEEN PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING UP THE CEMETARY. MR. PARKMAN HAS BELONGED TO THE SAME CHURCH SINCE 1909. FLEET PARKMAN IS A SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER AND HAS BEEN SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING IN 1942. HE IS A DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL LAND BANK, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTY LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION, A MEMBER OF THE MISSISSIPPI CATTLEMAN'S ASSOCIATION AND A FARM BUREAU MEMBER. MRS. PARKMAN IS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SONS

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COMMUNITY HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB. SHE LIKES FL
FLOWERS AND SPENDS MUCH OF HER TIME WITH THEM.
THERE'S MUCH MORE TO THIS FINE STORY, BUT LET'S
HEAR THE REST OF IT FROM MR. AND MRS. FLEET
PARKMAN AND THEIR COUNTY AGENT, MR. O.O. SWORDS.